

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Farm Equipment Output to Hit Peak Late in Year; Push Fight Against Postwar Price Control

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FARM MACHINERY: Output Off

Hampered by material shortages, inexperienced help, inability of suppliers to deliver parts and strikes, farm machinery manufacturers do not look for attainment of peak production until later this year or early 1947.

When full-scale operations are resumed, it was said, companies will first concentrate on the output of parts for worn equipment since many farmers will be compelled to make their machinery do until new units begin to appear in satisfactory volume.

As it is, manufacturers' efforts to meet a part of the tremendous demand for plows, planters and cultivators for spring use have been crippled by production difficulties, with no substantial deliveries of these items forthcoming.

With 20,000 workers of the International Harvester company out on strike over demands for a 30 per cent wage increase, the total of idle employees in the industry approximated 20,000 of 90,000.

UNO:

Avoid Strife

Invoking Article 33 of the United Nations charter calling upon quarrelling governments to attempt conciliation of their difficulties first before appealing to UNO, Russia moved to settle her differences with little Iran privately and take the matter out of the hands of the security council.

By so acting, the Reds succeeded in avoiding a ticklish situation within UNO itself, with possibilities that the U. S., Britain, France and China might have placed Moscow in a compromising position in investigating the row. In permitting the Reds and Iranians to thrash out their own problems, however, the security council called upon the disputants to report on the progress of their negotiations.

In originally appealing to UNO to look into the controversy, Iran had charged the Russians with interfering with government efforts to subdue a leftist rebellion in the north-west province of Azerbaijan. Sent into the oil-rich country in 1942 to guard supply lines leading into southern Russia, Red and British troops were scheduled to pull out early this spring.

Give and Take

Contributing to give and take in their relations, the Big Three agreed to the election of stocky, 50-year-old Trygve Lie (pronounced Tryg-va Lee) of Norway as secretary-general of UNO. Russia-backed, the selection of the bulky Norwegian foreign minister offset the earlier elevation of British-backed Paul Henry Spack of Belgium as president.

The U. S. played a key role in balancing the powers through the elections. After the Russians had charged Secretary of State Byrnes and company of having double-crossed them in not pushing Lie's candidacy for president as against Spack's, Chief Delegate Edward R. Steiensen later arranged for the Norwegian's selection as secretary-general in a five-power showdown in his Chateau hotel suite.

The son of a carpenter who became active in the Norwegian labor movement immediately after his graduation from Oslo university in 1919, reddish-faced, bearded Lie will occupy a key position in UNO as secretary general, having within his power the authority to submit any problem he chooses to the security council.

CONGRESS:

Labor Curb

Despite the brightening industrial picture, a strong coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats in congress moved for adoption of restrictive labor legislation against the vehement protests of liberal members.

Amid charges by Representative Sabath (Ill.) that the conservative bloc was being used by Wall Street, 123 Republicans and 103 Democrats joined forces to pile up a 223 to 114 vote for immediate consideration of a bill which would set up a labor management mediation board, provide for a 30-day cooling off period before a strike or lockout, make both parties liable for violations of a labor contract, prohibit intimidation of supervisory employees, and ban sympathy walkouts.

While liberal members vigorously

denounced the restrictive measure as one of the "most vicious anti-labor bills ever brought before the house," conservative proponents declared that representative action could be taken in amending or revising the bill during floor discussion.

PRICE CONTROL: Under Fire

First to break the wage deadlock in industry with a 15.1 per cent, or 18 cents an hour, increase to his employees, Henry Ford II came out for abolition of government price control except on food and rent as a means of breaking the bottleneck in civilian production and permitting a rapid flow of goods to consumers.

Declaring that existing price ceilings had the effect of squeezing smaller parts makers between rising operating costs and fixed re-



Henry Ford II

turns, Ford said that the productivity of the big manufacturers depended upon suppliers' activities. If price control were abolished, he declared, the heat of competition for markets would bring down the cost level.

In keeping with his announced position for firm price control, President Truman rejected Ford's suggestion in a news conference, asserting that the removal of OPA regulation would result in wild inflation with its disastrous effect upon purchasing power.

Henry II's attack against price control came even as clothing and shirt manufacturers blamed OPA for the insufficiency of stocks on dealers' shelves in the face of tremendous demand from consumers. Charged with withholding at least 400,000 suits from the markets, clothing makers were particularly resentful of OPA regulations, claiming that with their recent grant of a 22 1/2 per cent increase in wages to workers price readjustments were necessary to permit them an adequate profit.

Shirt manufacturers tapped the OPA's so-called "maximum average" price regulation for failure to produce adequate stocks, claiming that they were unable to turn out more of the better grade items in the face of a shortage of cheap fabrics because OPA required balanced output of all types.

FARM STRIKE: Cool Reception

While farmers in southeastern Nebraska, incensed by the machinery shortage, talked up an agricultural strike in protest of industrial walkouts, farm organization leaders discouraged the idea because shortage of shipments of fresh products would result in costly waste.

In calling for the withholding of agricultural products to force resumption of industrial output, Cattle Leader Hubert Johnson, 48, of Edgar, Neb., listed farmer grievances: "Four years now we've been getting along without new machinery," he said, "and we've been told we would probably get nothing this spring. We need farm tools and bathtubs and refrigerators. We need automobiles. We can't even buy a pair of overalls."

Taking issue with the farmers' "no machinery for us, no food for you" battle cry, President Edward A. Neale of the Farm Bureau, reflecting leasing agricultural organization opinion, pointed out that it would be impossible to halt production of milk, eggs, etc. Withholding of these items from market would only result in loss to farmers as well as consumers, he said.

On the farm...

Poultrymen generally can expect an income in 1946 somewhat lower than 1945 earnings, in the opinion of Economist John W. Carnross of Rutgers.

Pointing to last year's all-time high egg consumption record of 320 per person, he said it is not likely to be duplicated this year.

Some reduction in consumer income during 1946, a greater quantity of red meat available to civilians, and reduced military requirements, add up to less egg demand.

INDUSTRY:

Profit Margins

First part of a study by the Securities and Exchange commission on profits and operations of American industries in 1944, a SEC survey showed that while 13 meat packers grossed \$4,732,038,000 in 1944 they netted \$45,348,000 or 1 per cent of sales.

Next to the meat packing, the cigarette industry ranked highest in gross income for 1944, with \$1,601,732,000. With a net income of 3.9 per cent of sales, however, the cigarette manufacturers outstripped meat packers in profit margins.

With total sales of \$1,452,351,000, the dairy products industry ranked third, but like meat packing, enjoyed a relatively smaller profit position, earning 2.1 per cent on its gross. With \$1,228,298,000 of sales, distilleries showed net returns of 3.8 per cent.

Of all industries surveyed, grocery specialists had the highest profit margins, with 4.1 per cent on sales of \$934,984,000.

VET FAMILIES:

May Go Overseas

In what were interpreted as moves to forestall further complaints of G.I.s overseas against occupation deldrums, the war department authorized the families of commissioned and non-commissioned officers above buck sergeants to join them abroad, and lowered the training period for replacements from 13 to 8 weeks.

With the number of reunions depending upon the theater commanders' decisions as to the amount of housing, subsistence and medical care available, travel to Europe will commence after April 1, with movements to the Philippines, Japan, Korea and the Ryukyus scheduled after May 1.

In acting up priorities under the system, preference will be given to families of officers with the longest service overseas if they indicate a willingness to remain abroad for two years or from one to two years.

In cutting down the training period from 13 to 8 weeks for replacements, the army announced that recruits' conditioning would be finished abroad after inculcation of fundamentals here. Prior to embarkation, recruits will be given a seven-day leave.

Chinese End Strife

Reflecting efforts of the U. S. to unify strife-torn China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek brought his 18 years of authoritarian rule in the country to an end with the announcement that henceforth political parties can openly organize and conduct their campaigns in accordance with legal rights and procedures.

Chiang made his historic pronouncement at the closing of political consultative conference in Chungking, where nationalists, communists and other parties had gathered for the adjustment of differences and creation of a unified state to open the way for broad economic development in hitherto backward China.

Before adjourning, the consultative conference had arranged for a meeting of a national assembly in May to draw up a new constitution. Over 2,500 delegates are to attend, with Chiang's Kuomintang party possessing over 50 per cent of the representation and the communists the second largest. Reflecting the views of the delegation as a whole, a 35-man all-party committee will draw up the document.

UNRRA:

New Exodus

Even while British Gen. Frederick Morgan was in New York conferring with Director Herbert Lehman over his reinstatement as United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation chief in Germany, a U. S. 3rd army report confirmed his charge that Zionist-led Jews were leaving Poland for Germany in the hope of eventually reaching Palestine.

In helping the migrants, it was said, Zionist groups prepared them for communal life abroad and supplied directions for infiltrating into Germany where necessary, money and clothing are furnished through the Jews hope for eventual admission to Palestine, they look for the establishment of a Jewish state in Bavaria if denied access.

Target of bitter Jewish criticism after his charge that Zionist groups were supporting a Jewish exodus from Poland for Palestine, Morgan vigorously denied anti-Semitic sentiments in being restored to the UNRRA fold. Denying his sympathies were with all displaced persons, he said he did not question the motives of any individuals or groups on resettlement problems.

CARIBBEAN:

Quietly studying the problems of the dependent areas for almost four years, the Anglo-American Caribbean commission will meet at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this month in furtherance of plans to develop in the West Indies a colonial administration laboratory for economic and social improvements.

Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic have not been included in its activities, but independent nations as well as colonies were vitally affected by its war work.

Washington Digest

Truman Labors Under New Deal 'Inheritance'

Congress Seen Taking Advantage of President's Rightist Leanings; Lacks Influence of FDR to Put Policies Over.

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It was a cool, crisp winter day. A week before the erratic Washington weather had seduced a whole circle of credulous passers which pushed their startled faces up from the garden on the White House lawn. Poor benighted moral! They were soon frozen as solid in their beds as the President's labor legislation in congress.

We hurried along Pennsylvania avenue, our coat collars turned up, arguing heatedly as newsmen do when they are released from the inhibitions which seize them the moment they sit down and meet the solemn stare of their typewriter keyboards with that threatening noose, the deadline, tightening about the medulla oblongata.

"The most astounding thing," said one of us, "is the way Truman, with all his experience in congress, can't get along with it. If he would only buttonhole some of the thinkers in the opposition, say Vandenberg in the senate and men like Wolcott in the house, and appeal to their sense of patriotism, he wouldn't have all this trouble."

"It isn't as simple as that," interrupted another, as we paused to show our photographic passes to the guard at the gate (who has known us all by our first names for a decade but who always solemnly studies our cards as if they were all-ases). "It isn't as simple as that. After all, congress has to be realistic in an election year. They are facing real issues. And the President's program isn't realistic."

"Whether or not it is realistic," the third member of the group put in, "after all it isn't his program. He inherited it. It's New Deal and the New Deal is Old Hat now. It doesn't represent Harry Truman's ideas at all but he has to go through with it."

All I felt I could add to those sage observations, without agreeing that the New Deal was Old Hat or the latest Downing Street model, whether it was realistic or modernistic or neo-marxian, was that it certainly is probable that if the President were able to shatter his inheritance to bits and then remould it to something nearer his heart's desire, he could probably put a lot more pep into his selling talk to congress.

By this time we were adding our coats to the huge pile of garments on the great Agulnaldo mahogany table in the lobby of the executive offices and taking our place in the line outside the conference room.

Resentment Shades

Chief's Feelings

On this particular day the President started off with the note on which the whole conference was carried. I don't quite know how to describe it. He kept smiling. He didn't lose his temper. But there was just a shade of resentment in his voice and his words. It all sounded more like the later, somewhat disillusioned days of his predecessor, than the merry moments when a Roosevelt interview was always a good show as well as a newsworthy event—I mean the early days before the weight of war descended there as heavily, for peace has its miseries as well as war. Just as it was freely predicted that "the United States will never stand for an occupying army for any length of time" (which proved to be so painfully correct), so everyone took for granted that any president in office when the war ended would have an impossible job.

But let's get back to the crowded office of the President on the winter day I am describing. He sat there smiling, exchanging wisecracks with the men in the first row. On the table behind him were the photographs of his family, crowned with a great bunch of jonquills from the White House greenhouse. He looked cheerful enough. The usual signal "all in" was sounded. He stood up and began to talk about what he called a "tempest in a teacup"—the controversy over building an addition to the White House. Personally I think it is the height of folly to continue the ef-

fort (begun by Theodore Roosevelt) to try to house the office work of the President under the roof of "the President's House," but I mention this controversy simply because it reflects the seamy side of White House-congress relations. Many of the President's friends feel that trying to make a modern office out of a beautiful old American colonial residence is folly, but they also felt that much of the furor raised in congress was due to a desire to embarrass Mr. Truman.

Why can't Truman get on with congress? Perhaps because he is a little too much like them. This is merely a hunch but I am not the only one who has toyed with the idea: both congress and the President (I realize that "congress" is a loose term because the legislators are a collection of many men of many minds) inclines farther to the right than the inherited Roosevelt program is targeted. Congress, the part of it that knows Harry Truman well, undoubtedly feels that his heart leans just about as far in the same direction. Therefore, he just can't get these more leftist ideas across. Harry Truman has a tremendous respect for the office of the presidency, a deep feeling of duty to carry out the program which death placed in his hands—a duty and a function he never sought. He cannot toss this heritage into the discard. And he probably reasons that if he feels that responsibility, the members of the party should do likewise. But it must be remembered that it was the powerful influence of a personality which could win an election four times, a task no American had dared to attempt even for the third, which kept congress obedient and even then, toward the end, only reluctantly.

Truman Reveals

His True Self

On this particular day of which I am speaking, I think we heard Truman revealing his true self. He believes that the White House should be enlarged. He resented the opposition which he suspected was at least in part personal and political rather than the product of sincere conviction. I thought I heard that in his voice.

But I also think I heard in his words, a similar expression of his own philosophy, when he said that he thought the present industrial strife was a struggle for power between labor and management. In other words that basically it was not the demands of the men who work for more pay nor was it an objection on the part of industry to pay higher wages, as much as it was a pitch battle between labor leaders and the top men in management to see which could beat the other down.

To one who brags about being middle-class, without even a drop of blood of an Irish king in his veins, it sounded like good, sound (call it sturdy if you want) middle-class resentment. Then the President added that he thought that both labor and management had too much power and it was time for the government to step in and assert the power of the people which government is supposed to represent.

But when we asked the President if and how the government was going to assert itself to exert the "power of the people" to settle the mess, all he said was that he had done all that he possibly could do.

He could have called out the army and the navy, the national guard, the FBI and the United Marching and Social Clubs, and taken over the steel industry the next day. But a step like that, which was no more than the wave of a tapering cigarette holder yesterday, was one which no cautious middle-class, middle-western, middle-of-the-road American would like to take except under duress. (I say that as one such.)

And so congress, part of it responding to the pressure of management and part of it under the pressure of labor, fiddles and filibusters while industry contentedly lives off its fat, labor on union funds or relief and the "people" with all their alleged "power" wonder how long, oh Lord, how long!

BARBS... by Baukhage

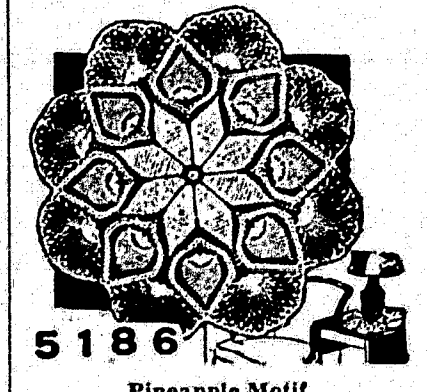
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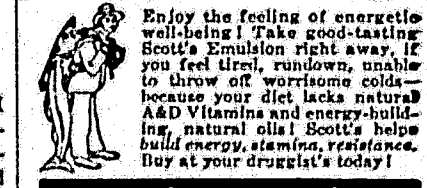
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To the Sheriff of our Several
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WE COMAND YOU to make
known to John Doe and all other
persons, other than Bethel Airport,
who claim an easement, right of
way or any other interest in and to,
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described premises:

A certain lot or parcel of land situated in Bethel, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, westerly of Mayville, so-called, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a cedar post about six rods westerly from the southwesterly corner of the Fair Grounds, so-called, now or recently owned by Henry Boyker; thence running N 15° 30' E, about ninety-six rods to land formerly of Ruby Reed, later Alonzo P. Chapman and now supposed to belong to E. E. Bennett, thence along the line of an old fence S. 77° 30' W, two chains and twelve links to a cedar stake and stones; thence northwesterly along the westerly line of said Bennett's land to Twitchell Brook; thence northwesterly by said Twitchell Brook to a point near the northeasterly corner of the Garland Lot, so-called; thence in a line with the northerly line of said Garland Lot, to the northwesterly corner of said Garland Lot; thence northerly along the easterly line of the Eames Lot, so-called, to the northeasterly corner of said Eames Lot; thence westerly on the northerly line of said Eames Lot to the northwesterly corner thereof; thence southerly on the westerly line of said Eames Lot to the southwesterly corner thereof and the southeasterly corner of the Olson Lot, so-called; thence easterly on the northerly line of land of one Valentine to the northwesterly corner of the Kilborn Lot, so-called; thence southerly along the westerly line of said Kilborn Lot to the northerly side of the County road leading from said Mayville up the northerly side of the Androscoggin River; thence southeasterly on the northerly side of said County road to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to Bethel Airport by Richard Davis, Trustee, by his deed dated the fifth day of November 1945 and recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds.

Also another lot or parcel of land situated in said Bethel and adjacent to the above described lot and on the easterly side thereof, bounded and described as follows: viz: Beginning at a stone post set at the northerly edge of the highway leading from Bethel Village to Northwest Bethel, so-called, said stone post being the southwesterly corner of the Bethel Fair Grounds Lot, so-called; thence northerly along the westerly line of the Fair Grounds Lot to land now or formerly of Fred L. Edwards; thence easterly along said Fred L. Edwards land one hundred twenty-five feet to a corner; thence southerly in a line parallel with and one hundred twenty-five feet distant from the first mentioned bound to a point on the westerly edge of the old race track, which point is two hundred sixty-five feet from the northerly edge of the highway first mentioned; thence making a small angle and bearing easterly in a straight line until it intersects the first mentioned highway at a point two hundred ten (210) feet easterly from the point of beginning; thence westerly along said highway to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to Richard Davis, Trustee, by deed of Henry W. Boyker, dated the twenty-fifth day of October, A. D. 1945 and recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 473, Page 120, and by said Richard Davis, Trustee conveyed to Bethel Airport by his deed above mentioned.

That in accordance with a decree of Court dated January 23, 1946, made by the Honorable Albert B. French, it was ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

"That neither John Doe or any other person, other than said Bethel Airport, has an easement, right of way or any other interest in and to, or over and across the above mentioned premises.

"That said John Doe and all other persons, other than said Bethel Airport, be and hereby are perpetually enjoined and restrained from claiming or attempting to enforce any claim, right, title or interest in and to, or over and across the above described premises.

That in consideration thereof the said John Doe and any other person other than said Bethel Airport be perpetually enjoined and restrained from claiming or attempting to enforce any claim, right, title or interest in and to, or over and across the above described premises.

WITNESSE, Honorable Albert B. French, Justice of our said Court, at Bethel, the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty six.

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Mrs. Annie Bumpus, Correspondent
The church service Sunday afternoon was conducted by Rev. W. I. Bull, with an attendance of six. Erland Scribner spent Thursday night with Edwin Bumpus.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McAllister and family were Sunday callers at Clyde Halla.

L. J. Andrews and Wallace Cummings are both able to be out again since their recent illnesses. Alfred Leighton remains in poor health.

Blanche Emery has been ill with a bad cold.

Mrs. Melba Hall is working in the mill at Lockes Mills.

Harlan Bumpus called on Lute Andrews Sunday.

Alberta McAllister spent Wednesday night with Janice Lord at Bethel.

Albert McAllister bought a calf of Sarah Andrews.

Mrs. Hattie Sessions is moving into the house formerly occupied by Will McAllister and family.

SONGO POND

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Millett and son Russell and daughter, Margo, were guests of her sister and family the Skippers at Sionham, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimball were in Norway one day recently.

Carroll Buck spent the week end with his brother Leroy Jr. and his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson at Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Grindle and Gloria and Dorothy Saunders visited at Mrs. Ethel Childs and children at Bryants Pond and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith at Locke Mills Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimball, Florence Osgood and Julia Buck attended the movies at Bethel Friday evening.

Mrs. Bee Osgood and Julia Buck were in Bethel Saturday afternoon on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimball's two children have been ill with the prevailing cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kimball, Bethel, were at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kimball's one day recently.

Mrs. Maud Gracie and Evelyn are delayed at Irving Green's, North Waterford, with severe colds where they spent the week end.

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Juddins, Correspondent

Donald Fraser is able to be out and drive his car again.

Several in town are still sick. Mary Ellen Douglass has tonsillitis.

Howard Douglass went to Boston on business last week. He has not returned at this writing.

Mrs. Esther Williamson visited her mother, Mrs. Irving Beach in Bethel a few days this week.

Willard Wright with his two younger brothers, Paul and Owen hauled a load of wood from Newry for Henry Lane last Saturday.

The Town Reports have been sent in to be printed.

SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wardwell spent the week end at Bryant Pond.

Arthur Wardwell is doing some fishing for Hush Stearns.

"Bugs" Ring has been in the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston a few days for observation. Mr. Sun is helping with the chores at Mr. Ring's.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kimball were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wardwell Saturday evening.

Lula Stearns is in Portland for a few weeks.

Ernest Wentworth has finished work in the woods on account of deep snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wardwell were in Bethel Monday evening.

WEST GREENWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hutchins of Detroit, Mich. and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hutchins of Bethel called on their aunt, Mrs. B. L. Harrington, Sunday.

Paul Crocutt Jr. and Rodney Harrington went to Rumford Friday with the Bethel Grammar school basketball team.

Several people have been ill with colds.

WEST BETHEL

Mrs. Edna Newton spent Tuesday

at Bryant Pond visiting friends.

Miss Davene Marble spent the week end with Ruth Donahue at Bethel.

Mrs. Clara Rolfe and Mrs. Carla Pennett were in Berlin one day last week.

Miss Ruth Braden spent the week end in Rumford.

Pleasant Valley Grange held a public card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Head on Friday at 8 P. M. The committee in charge were Mrs. Clara Rolfe and Mrs. Head.

The Home and School Club met Wednesday at the school house. A program of music and recitations was enjoyed and refreshments were served. Hot lunches were discussed and Mrs. Ruby Rolfe reported on the food forum which she attended at South Paris.

Maurice Kendall spent the week end at home from Gorham over the week end.

Alfred Parker, who has been very ill at his home, is improving.

NORTH NEWRY

George F. Learned Jr. is at home on a 10 day furlough.

Leon Egan and family of Bethel, now of Springfield, Mass., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harman Mason. Mr. Howe recently was discharged from the service after spending some time overseas as a paratrooper.

Miss Elizabeth Wright was at home from Gorham over the week end.

Rodney Hanson of Bethel visited his parents Sunday.

Hartley Hanson and Dick Blake have their lights connected.

There will be a Whist Party at L. E. Wright's Friday night.

Bear River Grange met in regular session Saturday night, with 16 members present. Next regular meeting Saturday night, February 23. Supper before the meeting.

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Mrs. Everett Cole attended an

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Mr. and Mrs. Homingway of Norway visited Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Whitman.

Richard Cole started back to school Monday after being sick for two weeks.

Mrs. Lola Foster has been sick but is gaining.

Mrs. C. James Knights recently visited one day with her sister, Mrs. Frank Sweetser.

Pauline Thurlow spent one night last week with Emma Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. William Flagg have gone to Rumford after being with his uncle, Ed Taylor, for several weeks.

Mrs. George Abbott attended Pomona Grange at the village last Tuesday.

Everett Cole and Frank Coffin were at Rumford one afternoon last week.

GREENWOOD CENTER

Several in this place have been ill with the flu the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cole, Arnold and Vance Farr of West Poland called on Mrs. Harold Churchill Sunday.

Mrs. D. R. Cole has been at Norway the past week caring for her daughter, Mrs. Gerald Robinson, who has been ill.

Mrs. Norman Martin and Ethel Martin called on friends and relatives on Rowe Hill recently.

Louis Martin helped Roy Millett with the card sending recently.

Mrs. Gladys Bailey returned to South Paris Monday after visiting her home here for the week end.

Lois Curtis of West Paris called on Ethel Martin recently.

Garnet Warden Jackson was a recent caller at Glenn Martin's.

D. R. Cole's crew are hauling out wood to the flat for trucking at present.

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Dull Days Ahead for Many

Hell Syndicate—WNU Features.



"Even in peace times many a pretty wife discovers that early married life is a very serious business, and that most young husbands don't like to see their wives dancing."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

"IT'S ONE thing to be a war widow, and be bored and lonely for three years," writes Phoebe Cutter from Minneapolis, "but it's another thing to have your man come home, dissatisfied with everything, discouraged about everything, unwilling to make the slightest effort to rebuild the happiness we once had."

"Sam and I were married five years ago," the letter goes on. "I am not prettier than the average run of girls, but I am pretty, 27 now, and still loving to meet my friends, to plan good times, and to dance. It seems to me hard to think that all that is out of my life forever. I'm a good manager and housekeeper, and despite the fact that we have a daughter almost four, did part-time work during the war, and kept our financial head above water."

"Sam has his old job back, but he is dissatisfied with it. His old boss is dead, and a man Sam trained is boss, and making the most of it. When I ask him to break away he says he feels too old and tired to try for a change. He is 34, but seems much older than that. He talks of approaching inflation and depression, unemployment and hard times; he thinks I have spoiled Mopsy, and that she doesn't like him. Of course, if he will make no effort to win her affection, so small a girl is not likely to give it."

"Nothing Matters."

"During the war my mother lived with me. She is a trained nurse, and is now taking cases again. When she first returned she suggested that she leave us, but Sam protested, saying wearily to me later that it didn't matter how many persons lived with us. That is his general position; nothing matters. He drags quietly through days of uneventful work, comes home to sit silently in the sitting-room until I say dinner is ready, doesn't read the papers much or listen to the radio. We have been once together to movies since he got home; then it was a war film, through which he trembled and muttered all the time. My heart is sick with pity for him, but I don't know what to do. I consulted a psychiatrist, telling him I thought Sam was a borderline case. He only laughed and said it would be years before they got through the genuine cases and came to the possible ones."

"And meanwhile men admire me, and want to take me places for dinner and dancing," the letter concludes. "And the best years of my life are going by, and I don't see anything ahead except housework, baby care, and the endless efforts to cheer Sam. What to do?"

Phoebe, my dear, I say in answer, this won't last. This is the slow convalescence from war fever that thousands—hundreds of thousands of men are suffering, and must endure for a while. To Sam civilian life, with its vagueness, its trivialities, its serene unconsciousness of what he has been going through, is styeing life he can't get used to. He has been starved weeks and months, he has seen strong, courageous young men starve to death.

Trivialities Madden Him.

To see you concerned about new bedcovers, the cost of lamb chops,



"Go on Sunday picnics with Mopsy"...

THIS TOO, WILL PASS

As more and more servicemen come home, the number of distraught wives multiply. All too often the long-awaited homecoming is the prelude to a nightmare. Husbands return changed almost beyond recognition. They are irritable, restless, petulant, suspicious or else cold and dull.

Phoebe writes that her Sam is back, but so different! He got his old job again, but doesn't like it. At night he sits glumly reading the paper. His little daughter doesn't interest him. There seems to be nothing that he cares about deeply.

All this is very painful to Phoebe. She had looked forward for three years to the time when Sam would be back with her, and they could pick up their former happy way of life. Now it all seems blasted. There seems nothing ahead but long, dull years of trying to make the best of it. To a pretty girl of 27, still young enough to enjoy dancing and parties, it looks quite drab.

Miss Norris replies that this sad time will pass, and that gradually Sam will recover much of his old personality. The dreadful experience of war must be forgotten, and that takes time. There are brighter days ahead for wives who patiently and loyally endure this mental convalescence of their war-weary husbands.

The fit of Mopsy's hat, rouses in him emotions of such anger and despair as almost wreck his reason. He knows the world is topsy-turvy, that the powers of good are temporarily helpless against the powers of greed, politics, stupidity that are ruling now.

But gradually, as order emerges from chaos all over the world, and here and there progress is seen, this nation and that struggling back to decent rule, to new ideals of statehood and citizenship, Sam will recover too. Your good times may have to wait for awhile, but they will come. Even in peacetime many a pretty young wife discovers that early married life is a very serious business, and that most young husbands don't like to see their wives dancing. And this is post-war time. Sometime we'll learn that recovery from war is almost as bad as war itself. It isn't the men who die for the war, it's the others, like your Sam, who come home sickened with the waste and suffering of the campaign, to find the old life equally bewildering and disappointing.

Take time to win him back. Make him important. Do the things he likes to do. Go off into the country with Mopsy for Sunday picnics, just you three. Read books—read some of the thousand books that are telling us, too late!—how this war might have been avoided. Discuss these books with him, and let him talk. With the right guidance he'll recover from all this, and the world will. Meanwhile, carry your tiny speck of responsibility courageously, and make your corner of the world as bright as you can.

Diphtheria Unnecessary.

The deaths of approximately 1,000 American children annually from diphtheria are unnecessary and could be prevented by early administration of antitoxin in adequate doses, says the Journal of the American Medical Association.

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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Serve Salads for Afternoon Snacks
(See Recipes Below)

Entertaining Easily

War-time brought back a simplicity of entertaining which will last for some time. We learned that an elaborate meal need not be served for a gathering to be successful. In fact, the simplest of food well prepared and nicely served will bring cheers from any crowd.

A salad with tiny sandwiches served with tea is ample refreshment for an afternoon meeting of the club. A mouth-watering coffee cake with coffee is ideal for an evening get-together. Chocolate milk and sandwiches or a casserole is perfect fare for the children's party.

With sugar still among the scarce items, it's a good idea to conserve on this precious foodstuff whenever possible. Judicious use of sugar substitutes will pull you through many a scarce period, and salads and sandwiches served with beverages will take care of the other items.

When selecting a recipe, check over the amount of sugar required before starting to mix so that you will not be caught short-handed. Consider also whether it is wise to use, say two cups of sugar for a cake, or whether a cake with half or less of that amount couldn't do just as well. It often will.

Many cookies and dessert sauces can be made just as sweet without sugar. These little economies will save sugar for the times when you really need it.

Here are two versatile salads which can easily meet entertaining needs. Both can be served with thin strips of sandwiches to act as a main dish.

Molded Main Dish Salad.

1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin
1/4 cup cold water
1 cup tomato juice
1 small can salmon, flaked
2 diced, hard-cooked eggs
1/4 cup chopped celery
1 tablespoon chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Salad greens

Soften gelatin in cold water. Heat tomato juice to boiling. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Chill until partially congealed. Flake salmon; add. Add remaining ingredients. Place in individual ring molds or one 8 1/2-inch mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on bed of lettuce greens and serve with french dressing or mayonnaise.

Frozen Fruit Salad.
(Serves 8)

1 cup cottage cheese
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup pineapple, finely diced
1 cup cherries, pitted
1 cup peaches, sliced or diced
2 oranges, diced
8 marshmallows, quartered
1 cup whipping cream
1/4 cup mayonnaise

Combine cheese, salt, fruits and marshmallows, tossing together.

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Lynn Chambers' Menus.

Roast Loin of Pork
Candied Apples
Sweet Potatoes, Baked
Buttered Brussels Sprouts
Biscuits with Jam Beverage
Pineapple Cole Slaw
Citrus Chiffon Pie

lightly with a fork. Chill. Whip cream until stiff and combine lightly with mayonnaise. Fold in cheese mixture. Place in freezing tray for three to four hours; or, pack in equal parts of ice and salt for four hours. Serve on crisp lettuce and garnish with additional whipped cream blended with mayonnaise.

Sandwich Fillings

1. Combine 2 cups ground ham, 5 tablespoons mayonnaise, 5 tablespoons prepared mustard and use on whole wheat or rye bread.

2. Mash 3 ounces of cream cheese with 1 tablespoon worcestershire sauce and 2 tablespoons finely cut chives. Use with rounds of whole wheat or white bread.

3. Combine chopped hard-cooked eggs with minced celery, onion juice, chopped sweet pickle and mayonnaise to moisten. This is good on any type of bread.

4. Combine cottage cheese with chopped dates and preserved ginger and spread on white bread.

5. Mix cottage cheese with chipped, crisp bacon and add salad dressing to moisten.

A fruited coffee cake is always delightful because it has flavor and is appealing to look at. Here is the quick type which uses an easy method with a choice of fruit.

Fruited Coffee Cake.

2 cups flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup fat
1 egg, beaten
1 cup milk
8 apricot halves or
4 peach halves or pineapple slices

Sift flour once, measure. Sift flour, baking powder, salt and sugar together. Cut fat into dry ingredients until mixture resembles coarse corn meal. Combine egg with milk. Add to dry ingredients. Stir only until mixed. Pour into greased 8-inch-square pan.

Leave apricots whole and cut peaches or pineapple in half. Arrange fruit over top of dough. Mix 2 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, and 1 tablespoon fat together. Sprinkle this mixture over the top. Bake in a moderate (375-degree) oven for 30 minutes.

If you want to serve a light dessert for an afternoon club meeting or evening snack, it can be made entirely without sugar. Orange juice and prunes offer a favorable combination.

Frozen Orange Fruit Whip.

(Serves 8)

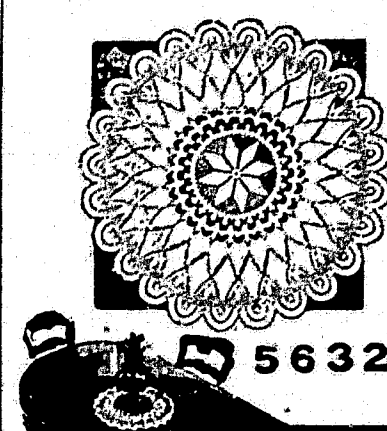
1 egg white
1/4 cup extra-sweet corn syrup, golden type
1/4 cup prune pulp
1 cup cream, stiffly beaten
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 teaspoon grated orange rind
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Beat egg white stiff. Gradually beat in syrup. Add prune pulp (made by rubbing cooked prunes through a sieve, or by chopping fine) folding it in thoroughly. Chill cream until very cold, then whip until stiff. Add orange juice, grated rind and lemon juice to cream. Combine prune and cream mixtures and freeze in refrigerator tray until firm.

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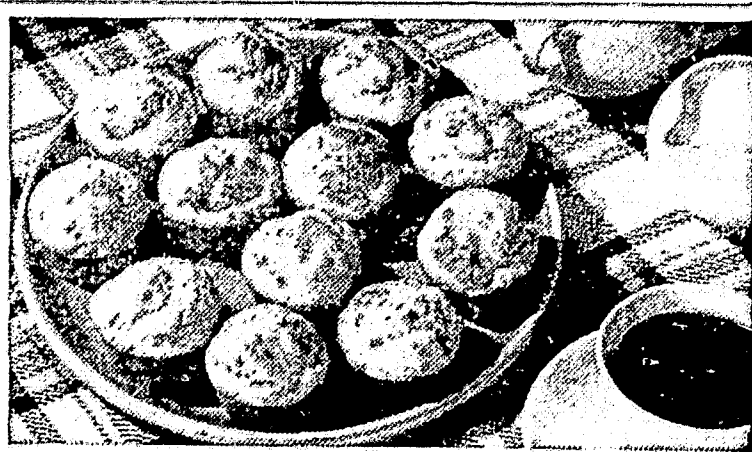
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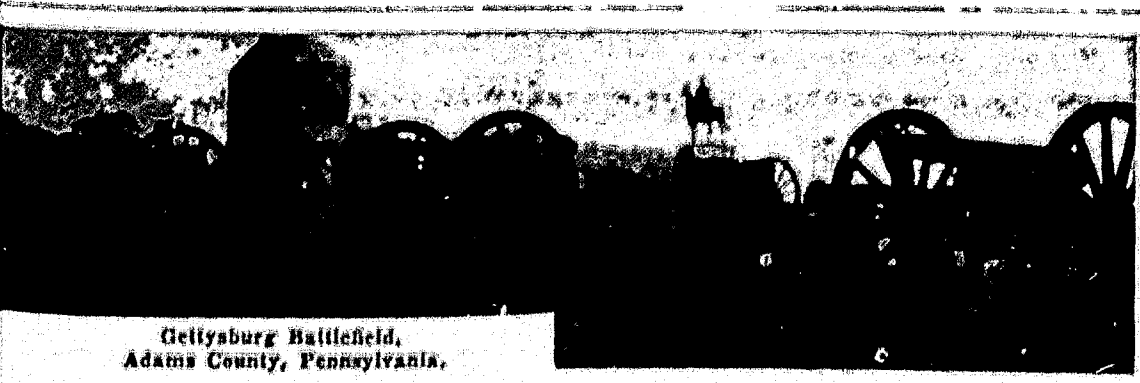
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GRAMMAR SCHOOL BASKETBALL

During the week of February 4, the Bethel Grammar school basketball team won two of the three games played. On Tuesday, February 5, B G S defeated Rumford Jr High by a 28-25 count in an overtime match. The winning two points was scored by Ronnie Kendall. Paul Junior Croteau led the account with ten points. The scores: RUMFORD G F G P Kendall, Jr 4 4 12 Stone, Jr 0 0 0 Morton, Jr 2 2 8 Belakia, Jr 2 2 5 Elia, Jr 0 0 0

BETHEL G F G P Kendall, Jr 1 1 2 Croteau, Jr 2 2 4 Lowell, Jr 3 3 6 Merrill, Jr 2 2 4 Bennett, Jr 0 0 0

In a return game at Rumford, the Bethel squad split. The second team won on a 14-10 contest, while the varsity went down to 18-11 defeat in a very rough game. Neil Merrill started on defense for B G S while also sharing scoring honors with Paul Croteau. In the second team game, Bert Rolfe paced his team to a well earned victory. The third and deciding game between these clubs will be played Thursday, February 14, at the school field house. The scores follow:

BETHEL 2nd G F G P Kendall, Jr 1 1 2 Pratt, Jr 0 0 0 Rolfe, Jr 2 2 4 Croteau, Jr 0 0 0 Tift, Jr 1 1 2 Harrington, Jr 1 1 2 Morton, Jr 0 0 0 Bennett, Jr 0 0 0

RUMFORD 2nd G F G P Sheff, Jr 1 1 2 Stone, Jr 2 2 4 McKenny, Jr 0 0 0 Drummond, Jr 0 0 0 Tift, Jr 1 1 2 Harrington, Jr 0 0 0 Martineau, Jr 0 0 1 Lamb, Jr 0 0 1

VARSITY GAME

BETHEL G F G P Kendall, Jr 0 0 0 Bennett, Jr 0 0 0

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Rodney Howe, Correspondent. Mrs. W. H. B. Hammond and Mr. W. H. B. Hammond went to see Mr. W. H. B. Hammond in Bethel, Maine. Mrs. W. H. B. Hammond and Mr. W. H. B. Hammond went to see Mr. W. H. B. Hammond in Bethel, Maine. Mrs. W. H. B. Hammond and Mr. W. H. B. Hammond went to see Mr. W. H. B. Hammond in Bethel, Maine.

BRYANT POND

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SCHOOL SAVINGS

Grade	Sav. Bank	Total	P. C.
1st	\$12.00	\$9.40	78
2nd	0.00	4.85	79
3rd	4.00	3.50	59
4th	2.00	3.00	65
5th	\$12.00	\$9.40	78
6th	0.00	4.85	79
7th	\$12.00	\$9.40	78
8th	0.00	4.85	79
9th	\$12.00	\$9.40	78
10th	0.00	4.85	79
11th	\$12.00	\$9.40	78
12th	0.00	4.85	79

BETHEL LOCALS

A Valentine box and games with refreshments were enjoyed by the lower grades. The upper grades featured a "Truth or Consequences" program, followed by games and refreshments.

The Girl Scouts met Friday at the New Legion Home with Mrs. Frank Nary as leader. Mrs. Herbert Howe and Miss Lillian Coburn as Assistant Leaders. Plans were made for a Mother and Daughter banquet which will be held February 22.

The Contract Club met at the home of Mrs. William Chapman Tuesday evening. Mrs. Herbert Howe substituted for Mrs. Harry Wilson and Mrs. Estelle Goggin substituted for Mrs. Wilbur Myers. Mrs. Orville Anderson held high score for the evening.

FARM NEWS

The farm population in the United States has not only decreased during the war, but the age of farmers has changed. Between 1940 and 1945 the number of persons living on farms decreased by five millions. During the period 1940 to 1944 the number of men on farms between the ages of 14 and 24 dropped more than 20 per cent. Now that the war is over, how many of these men will return to the farms? So far there is only a slight trend back to the farm says the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Buckwheat will be noted for something besides griddle cakes now that scientists have discovered valuable uses for Rutin as a medicine, and also have discovered how to manufacture rutin on commercial scale from buckwheat. Rutin is a yellow non-toxic powder. It is effective in the treatment of high blood pressure and some other human ailments. Dr. Percy Wells, head of the U. S. D. A. Eastern Regional Research Laboratory, forecasts that 1,200,000 pounds of rutin will be needed annually and that it will take one-tenth of the national power average to furnish that amount.

Thomas and Ricker, researchers at the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station, have found a way to keep potatoes from sprouting even at room temperature. The used certain hormones. The most effective one has a name that is a jaw breaker—Methyl ester of alpha, alpha-bromo plant naphthoic acid. Sprayed and dusted on potatoes it stopped sprouting on all varieties on which it was tried. By using this hormone, the scientists say that growers may be able to keep potatoes well into the summer without sprouting.

The white and yellow birches in many areas in Maine are dying rapidly due to the ravages of the European birch borer. Thousands of cords of good birch lumber has already been destroyed. H. B. Pier, state entomologist, Maine Department of Forestry, and A. D. Cutting, forestry specialist, Maine Extension Service, recommends that owners of timberland and farm woodlots keep close watch of their stands of birch and cut infested and under stands while they are still usable. Young healthy stands should be allowed to grow for future use.

Farmers and homemakers who are planning to purchase home freezing cabinets will find a lot of useful information in a new Extension bulletin, prepared by George W. Sawyer, formerly assistant professor of agricultural engineering, University of Maine. The bulletin answers such questions as the type of cabinet to buy for the size of the family, the location of the cabinet, the type of food to freeze, and other valuable information. Single copies may be obtained free by writing the Agricultural Extension Service, University of Maine and asking for Extension Bulletin 335, "When You Buy a Freezing Cabinet."

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SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD ADVISES IMPROVEMENTS IN OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Eleven specific recommendations for the expansion and improvement of the old-age and survivors insurance program have been made to Congress in the Tenth Annual Report of the Social Security Board. John M. Beale, Manager of the Lewiston Field Office of the Board reported today. Heading the list is a recommendation, made repeatedly by the Board, that coverage of the program be expanded to include "all gainful workers, including agricultural and domestic employees, public employees and employees of non-profit organizations and self-employed persons, including farmers."

"I am glad to say," Mr. Beale continued, "the Board has recommended—incidentally, for the fifth consecutive year—that credit be given to servicemen for their period of service in the armed forces." It is pointed out in the Report that in an average week of 1944 only about three fifths of all gainfully employed civilians were in jobs covered by the system, and more than 21,000,000 civilians and nearly 12,000,000 servicemen were excluded from it.

Recommendations of immediate importance to people already covered by the Act include one for an increase in benefit amounts, particularly for low-paid workers, and one for an increase from \$3,000 to \$4,500 a year in the amount of earnings subject to contribution and counted in computation of benefits. "At the present levels," Mr. Beale said, "monthly benefit payments amounting to approximately \$13.00 were going to men, women and children in Oxford County at the end of last year, and the average payment to a retired worker was \$22.75. The adequacy of an insurance system may be judged by the extent to which its benefits, along with individual resources, provide a reasonable security for most of the beneficiaries. The Board does not believe that the benefit provisions of the Old-age and survivors insurance system meet that test of adequacy."

Other recommendations of the Social Security Board were: Lowering the qualifying age for all women beneficiaries from the present 65 years to 60. Dropping the requirement that children aged 16 and 17 must be attending school to get benefits. Increase in the amount a beneficiary can earn under Social Security without having benefits suspended (now limited to \$14.99 per month); and moderation of the present penalty of an extra month's loss of benefits for knowingly failing to report earnings over the limit for first failure to report.

Adoption of a long range plan for financing old-age and survivors insurance.

Benefits during periods of extended or permanent disability like those for old age retirement.

Cash benefits to insured workers and their dependents during temporary disability less than 3 months.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

John J. Foster, Minister

9:45 Church School, Mrs. Loton Hutchinson, superintendent.

11:00 Kindergarten Class

11:00 Morning Worship, Sermon Topic, "Go Back To Bethel."

The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet on Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the chapel.

The Ladies Club will meet at Holden Hall on Thursday afternoon, February 21st, at three o'clock. Rev. Arthur Blom of Norway will be the guest speaker.

The Gauntlet by James Street, a recent best selling novel, is the book to be reviewed on Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Chapel. This is the story of a young minister who at last found the true faith, and of the struggles of him and his wife to keep both their church and their spiritual integrity.

METHODIST CHURCH

William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School, Miss Minnie Wilson, superintendent.

11:00 Morning Worship Service, Sermon theme, "Divine Guidance."

7:00 Hymn Service, sponsored by the Youth Fellowship. Devotional service in charge of John Greenleaf, John Anderson will lead in the singing of hymns.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Sunday services at 10:45 A. M. All are cordially invited to attend.

"Soul" is the subject of the Lesson-sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 17.

The Golden Text is: "The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" (Isa. 60: 19).

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1: 5).

The Lesson-sermon also includes the following selections from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Sun. The symbol of Soul governing man, of Truth, Life, and Love."

Truth and Love enlighten the understanding, in whose light shall we see light; and this illumination is reflected spiritually by all who walk in the light and turn away from material senses" (pages 595: 1-2, and 510: 9-12).

BORN

In Bethel, Feb. 11, to Mr and Mrs Philip W. Daye, a daughter. DIED

In Locke Mills, Feb. 11, Mrs. Emma J. Day, wife of Herbert Day, aged 55 years.

In Seranton, Penna, Feb. 11, Miss Gertrude Johnson, formerly of Bethel.

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